Euro-III equivalent grade petrol/diesel is being supplied in Delhi/NCR. Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahemdabad, Pune, Surat, Kanpur and Agra *w.e.f.* 1.4.2005.

(d) and (e) Owing to constaints of production at refineries and non-availability of required grades of products for import, Government have decided to progressively introduce Bharat Stage-III diesel (0.05% maximum sulphur) in 6 States and part of one State listed at (a) to (c) above, and to complete the process by 1.10.2005.

Gas reserve in Assam

2903. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether two new gas fields have recently been discovered in Assam;

(b) if so, the quantum of gas reserves expected in each field; and

(c) by when, commercial exploration of gas from these fields is expected to start?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Oil India Limited have discovered two new gas fields, namely, South Chandmari in 2001-02 and Baghjan in 2002-03 having in place reserves of 1.322 MMT and 5.40 MMT respectively. In 2004-05, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited has also made an oil and gas discovery at Tiphuk. The potential of Tiphuk is being assessed for formulation of further plans for delineation and development.

(c) South Chandmari and Baghjan discoveries are located in remote areas without any connectivity with the existing gas infrastructure and network of Oil India Limited in Upper Assam. Commissioning of necessary infrastructure for development of these fields is in progress. Commercial production from the Tiphuk discovery will depend upon the techno-economic feasibility of the fields.